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FOR MILLER FROM CHAPMAN

E.59. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: DATT

REF: STATE 143982

1. GENERAL ROUND HAS BEEN MOST RELUCTANT TO LEAVE AND
VERY MUCH WANTED TO SEE THE CRISIS THROUGH. HIS SUPERIORS
IN DOD AND CINCPAC, HOWEVER, AGREED WITH MY REASONING.
NOW YOU QUESTION WHETHER HE SHOULD NOT REMAIN UNTIL MID-
JULY. I THOUGHT DEPARTMENTS PRESENTED MONOLITHIC POSITIONS*

2. THERE ARE IN MY MIND TWO ASPECTS TO PROBLEM:

A. UNDER THE STRICTURES ON THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE
MISSION IMPOSED BY WASHINGTON, DATT MUST GO DOWN TO A
TWO-MAN OFFICE - A LT. COL. WHO IS THE E&E OFFICER AND
AN ADMINISTRATIVE NON-COM - WHO ARE ESSENTIAL. WE ARE
REALLY DOWN TO COUNTING INDIVIDUAL BODIES.

B. THE PRUDENT, THOUGH NOT INEVITABLE, ASSUMPTION
IS THAT WE SHALL FACE DIFFICULT DAYS JUST AHEAD. THIS
IS THE REASON WHY I HAVE RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO DRASIC
REDUCTIONS DIRECTED BY WASHINGTON. UNDER THESE CIR-
CUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO WEATHER THE STORM
IS TO BECOME A SOMEWHAT LIMP MISSION. A CHARGE BUT
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NO AMBASSADOR; A MILITARY ATTACHE BUT NO GENERAL; AN

INFORMATION OFFICER BUT NO PAO; NO USAID, OF COURSE.
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WOULD BE NO SENIOR OFFICER WHO
HAD CLEAR RANK AND AUTHORITY IN HIS FIELD. MORE
SPECIFICALLY, GENERAL ROUND WOULD NOT BE HERE TO BECOME
TARGET OF PGNU'S POSSIBLE RESENTMENT OVER MAP CUT-OFF.

3. I NEVRTHELESS ADMIT THAT I SHALL MISS GENERAL
ROUND WHO HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE STRENGTH, JUDGMENT AND
COOLNESS THROUGHOUT THE TROUBLES. HOWEVER, AFTER
DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH HIM WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
WE HAVE THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY TO DO WHAT WE JUDGE
BEST IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HE HAS NOT TAKEN
FORMAL LEAVE; HE IS UDORN; AND HE CAN, AT LEAST
SO FAR, FLY BACK AND FORTH. THUS, WE ENVISAGE HIS
COMING TO VIENTIANE AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

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